छावनी बोर्डों में प्रतिनिधित्व

2571. **श्री कल्क सिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरौला :**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार छावनी बोर्डों में स्थानीय विधायकों और संसद सदस्यों को प्रतिनिधित्व देने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग) छावनी बोर्डों छावमी अधिनियम, 1924 के उपबंधों के अंतर्गत गठित किए गए ऐसे सांविधिक निकाय हैं जो छावनियों के प्रशासन की प्रबन्ध-व्यवस्था देखते हैं । छावनी बोर्डों में स्थानीय सिविल लोगों के अपने चुने हुए प्रतिनिधि होते हैं । छावनी अधिनियम, 1924 की धारा 13 और 23 का संबंध छावनी बोर्डों के गठन और बोर्डों के सदस्य बनने के लिए व्यक्तियों की योग्यता से है । संसद सदस्यों और विधायकों को उनके पद के नाते छावनी बोर्डों की सदस्यता में प्रतिनिधित्व दिए जाने के लिए छावनी अधिनियम, 1924 में कोई व्यवस्था नहीं की गई है ।

Growing Military strength of Pakistan

2572. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the document published by International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London;

(b) whether Government have assessed the growing military strength of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, whether the Indian Army is fully equipped to thwart the Pakistani menace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Government have studied the document "The Military Balance 1994-1995" published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London. Government is aware of Pakistan's quest for modern military hardware. Government keeps constant watch on all developments having a bearing on national security and takes appropriate measures from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

Review of Defence requirement

2573. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PIME MIINSTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has called for a close review of Defence requirements;

(b) if so, whether Government are self-sufficient in Defence requirements;

(c) the countries from which Government propose to seek help to meet Defence requirements; and

(d) the reaction of Government on Defence items procured by neighbouring countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are alive to the need for achieving self-reliance in the matter of defence requirements. Sophisticated weapon systems are inducted into the Armed Forces keeping in view the security environment, need to modernise and update the equipment of our Armed Forces and the threat posed by our potential adversaries who have been acquiring latest technology weapon systems off the shelf. While absolute self-sufficiency in sophisticated weapon systems is not possible, we have achieved a large measure of self-reliance through indigenous development and licence production of important weapon systems. Considerable progress has also been made by our Defence R & D in the indigenous development of sophisticated technology weapon systems.

(c) For the modernisation of our Armed Forces, import of sophisticated weapon systems are resorted to when these are not available through indigenous sources or when they cannot be procured indigenously within an acceptabe time frame. Such imports are made from a number of countries, keeping in view factors such as technical specifications prices delivery schedule, credit terms etc.

(d) The Government is aware of the developments regarding procurement of Defence items by our neighbouring countries. The situation is constantly assessed and appropriate steps are taken to ensure full defence preparedness.

Marketing of weapons by Ordnance factories

2574. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ordnance Factories Organisation proposes to sell non-prohibited weapons like revolvers and pistols in open market, If so the details of the policy in this regard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Defence Ministry has decided to market its products in the open to curb the astronomical prices of the imported weapons, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether our weapons match the quality and price of imported ones such as Webley Scott and Colt, if so, whether Government are also contemplating to export such weapons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Non-prohibited bore weapons, namely 0.315 sporting rifle and 12 bore double barrel breach loading (DBBL) gun have been sold in the open market for long. These are marketed through authorised dealers. 0.32 revolver is not yet being sold in the open market to its limited production; this weapon is provided to certain specified categories of persons in need of security.

(c) and (d) The weapons produced by ordnance factories are of assured quality. Export of these weapons has not been made so far.

Protection of coastal belt

2575. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new strategy has been evolved for protection of the coastal belt;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Saurashtra and Kutch and other areas of the coastal belt in Gujarat have been given any special protection status in this regard;

(d) whether instances of infiltration of terrorists in that State have been reported this year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) There is no change in the existing practice of patrolling of the coastal belt.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No instances of infiltration of terrorists in the State have come to the notice of Indian Navy and Coast Guard.

(e) Does not arise.

Decline in strength of army

2576. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has lost its position as the third largest army whereas Pakistan has considerably increased its armed manpower during the last few years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to keep a balance in the armed manpower strength to meet any eventuality ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) According to information available, there has been only a marginal accration to the stength of the Pakistani Army in the last five years. All developments impinging on our National Security are closely monitored by the Government for initiating appropriate and timely measures.

रूस से खरीदा गया सैनिक साज-सामान

2577. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत द्वारा रूस से खरीदे जा रहे सैनिक साज-सामान का ब्यौरा क्या है, और